COMMUNICATION FROM THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE

RE : IN THE TRIAL OF SRI B. R. SUNTHANKAR

MR. SPEAKER.—I have received a communication from the Judicial Magistrate, F. C., Belgaum Camp, dated 1st August 1961, regarding the trial of Sri B. R. Sunthankar and it reads as follows :—

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I have the honour to inform you that Sri B. R. Sunthankar, Member of the Mysore State Legislative Assembly, was tried in the Court of the Judicial Magistrate, F. C., Belgaum Cantonment, for an offence under Sections 143, 186 and 341 read with Sections 149 I. P. C., in Criminal case Numbers 905 of 1960 and 1162 of 1961, on the ground that he and five others formed an unlawful assembly on 8th February, 1960 between 11-00 a. m. and 3-30 p. m. at Yellur in Belgaum Taluka with the common object of causing wrongful obstruction and wrongful restraint to the public servants concerned in the land revenue recovery work and in prosecution of the said common object, they did cause wrongful obstruction and wrongful restraint to the Revenue and Police officials while they were carrying the attached movables of the defaulters.

(2) The Belgaum Rural Police had sent up a charge-sheet regarding the said offence on 23rd May, 1960, and on the same day Sri V. G. Datar, the Treasury Head Karkun, also a public servant, filed a complaint for an offence under Sections 143, 186 read with 149 of the Indian Penal Code. Both the cases were consolidated and tried together. Yesterday, I found Sri B. R. Sunthankar and five others guilty of the offence under Sections 143, 186 read with 149 of the Indian Penal Code and sentenced each of them to pay a fine of Rs. 25 only or in default to pay, to suffer simple imprisonment for seven days only, on each count.

(3) As the said accused did not pay the amount of fine, they have been suffering simple imprisonment in the Central Prison, Belgaum.

ELECTION TO COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER.—In connection with the elections to the Committee of Privileges Committee on Government Assurances, Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions and Committee on Subordinate Legislation, as the number of candidates is equal to the number of places to be filled, the following members are declared elected :—

COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES

Sriyuths :

1. B. Chamiah
2. C. S. Hulkoti
3. J. B. Mallaradhya
4. Smt. V. V. Mirjankar
5. K. L. Narasimiah
6. M. M. Patil
7. K. S. Suryanarayana Rao